

NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT ENHANCEMENT CONSERVATION SECURITY PROGRAM



SOD BASED ROTATION

WHAT:

Land presently in commodity crop production or in a crop rotation. Instead of continuous crop, some years the land will be in a sod rotation.

WHY:

Sod based crop rotations improve soil organic matter, improve soil moisture holding capacity, break weed cycles, reduce the size of equipment required, conserve energy, improve crop diversity.

WHEN:

After approval for the enhancement, sod will be planted within the first year seeding period available. This will begin a minimum two year sod and crop cycle.

WHERE:

Any land currently cropland may be placed in a sod based rotation.

HOW:

Establish sod following University of Tennessee soil test recommendation and seed according to Pasture and Hay Planting guidelines provided by the local NRCS. The sod rotation may consist of Native Warm Season Grasses for forage, seed production, or wildlife purposes. Natives will probably require 2 years for a mature establishment, and a sod base rotation longer than 2 years will be necessary to achieve benefits from planting natives.

HOW MUCH:

Any cropland is eligible to be planted in a sod based rotation. Sod will be planted two or more consecutive years of the rotation. No more than 60% of the cycle in the rotation will be cropped.

The CSP Enhancement payment is \$35 per acre per year for all fields scheduled in the rotation.